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# GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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**Part B for** February 1926.

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SUBJECT

Proceedings of the meeting of the Jain community dated 30.1.26 re succession of a swamy & the Conjeevaram Mutt

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Re 1077 dated 15.2.26 To the Secy. Govt

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From the Chairman of the meeting of the Jain Community at Mysore on 30th Saturday. No. 15/26 & 3.2.26.

Submits an extract from the proc. relative to the question of succession of a Swamy to the Sravanabelagola Mattha and confirms the telegram sent on Sunday previous and sends a copy of their Resolution.

The Resolution runs thus:—

"That Govt be requested to consult the opinion and wishes of the Jain Community, through the Mysore Jain Association, before taking final action on the question of succession, which is of supreme import and responsibility involving vital interests, and thus help them to elect the best qualified to succeed to this great & most responsible Jain Guruship in India".

The Chairman of the meeting states further that the Jain Association in Mysore has been asked to take the necessary action in the matter.

The telegram that was recd here has been ordered by the H. to be sent to the M.C. Draft forwarding this in continuation is subd for approval & orders.

For approval

Sd 12.2.26 Rev. Secy

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No. 36490 Office of the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 1st March 1926.

From

B. Ramaswamaiya, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore,
Bangalore.

To

The Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District.

GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT
3 MAR 1926
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Muz 215-25.

Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter - No.1551/Muz.25 dated~~/XXX~~ the 22nd Instant, reporting on the demise of the Swamigalu of the Sravanabelagola Matha and the appointment of a successor, I have the honor to state that orders of Government about the appointment of a suitable successor will be obtained in due course and that in the meanwhile Ramait Porbali Jinadasa -- Sastry may, as recommended by you, be permitted to look after the current affairs of the Matha subject to the supervision and control of the local officers.

2. The further report promised in para 9 of your letter of the 12th Instant may be sent early.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) B. Ramaswamaiya,
Muzrai Commissioner.

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Copy of the above together with a copy of the Deputy Commissioner's letter of the 12th ~~Instant~~ February 26 and the contents of the sealed cover referred to therein is forwarded with compliments to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, for information.

2. The Deputy Commissioner's proposals regarding the ------

the appointment of a successor have just now been rece
office. They will be examined and a report submitted separately
in the matter.

Muzrai Commissioner.

KSR.

The main file has been sent to
His Highness. The arrangements
made by the local officers for the
watch & ward of the mutt pro-
perties seems to be Quite
Satisfactory.
promised,
further report about the
succession to the Pitha will be
awaited

Rev. Secy

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(82 members)

Letter No.1551-25/Muz. dated 10/12th February 1926 from the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District to the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

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"Subject:-- Death of Sri Swamigalu of Sravana Belagola Matt, -- Chennarayapatna Taluk.

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"In continuation of my telegram dated 27th January 1926 intimating the sad demise of Sri Mahabhinava Charukirti Panditharharya Swamigalavaru of Sravana Belagola Matt on the night of the 26th January 1926 and with - reference to your memo No.C.832 dated 28th January 1926 calling for a --- detailed report in the matter, I have the honor to state as follows:--

2. On 27th January 1926, the Taluk Sheristedar of Chenrayapatna ----- submitted a muddam D.O.enclosing a copy of the Parpatnegar's report to the Taluk intimating the death of the Swamigalavaru at 1 A.M. on the night of the 26th January 1926 . The report of the Parpathegar was received by the Taluk Sheristedar at 8 A.M. on the 27th idem. As the Amildar was in camp at Hirisave, the Taluk Sheristedar sent the report to the Amildar and also submitted a copy of it to me. On receipt of this, I directed the Sub Division Officer to proceed to Sravanabelagola at once and asked the District Superintendent of Police to make necessary Police arrangements.

3. The Sheristedar who went to Sravanabelagola after sending the --- above report, is said to have reached the place at 11 A.M., on the 27th January 1926. By that time, the cremation of the Swamigalu had ------- commenced. After the cremation, the Sheristedar met the Agent and the -- Parpathegar of the Matt and some of the residents of the place and had the boxes etc., sealed in the Pasti on the Chikka Betta where the Swamigalu was living on account of plague in Sravanabelagola village. The ----- Amildar arrived from Hirisave just then and began to make an inventory the contents of a trunk in the personal custody of the Swamigalu, in the presence of the Matt people and the Panchayetdars and had almost finished when the Sub Division Officer also arrived there. A list of articles in the Chamundi Basti on the Chikka Betta was also made and Police --- constables posted to guard them.

4. It will be seen from the Sub Division Officer's report enclosed herein, that the Taluk authorities were not kept informed as to the condition of the Swamy's health even on the day previous to his death and that no intimation was sent to them. Before the local authorities could reach the place after the receipt of the sad news, the trunk in the personal custody of the Swamigalu which contained cash etc.,

was opened on their own responsibility and some money kept therein was utilised for the funeral expenses by the Agent and Parpathegar of the Matt. The key of this trunk along with those of one or two receptacles are reported to have been found near the Swamigalu's bed as also a sealed cover addressed to the Muzrai Commissioner which is sent separately by Registered cover.

5. I went to Sravanabelagola on the 28th morning and saw the arrangements made therefor the watch and ward of the matt properties and for the proper performance of the puja in the matt and temples.

6. The Sub Division Officer reports furtner that he verified the lists of articles made by the Amildar on the night of the 27th and saw that all the locks put to the rooms in the matt were sealed the next morning with the Taluk Office seal and deputed 4 police constables to guard them.

7. On a representation of the Agent of the Matt to allow such of the articles as were absolutely necessary for the daily worship, some of the idols, silver jewels and vessels which were necessary for daily use were left in his charge, obtaining receipt of acknowledgments from both the Agent and the Archak.

8. A sealed bag containing 15 keys of the rooms in the matt and also of the Swamigalu's personal trunk and a sealed cover addressed to the Muzrai Commissioner stated to have been found near the death bed of the late Swamigalu were brought by the Sub Division Officer and were kept in safe custody in the District Treasury. The sealed cover is sent separately by registered post.

9. From the Sub Division Officer's report it is not however clear as to when the Swamigalu went to Chikkabetta Basti and what money he took with him when he went there, and how much of it was spent by him before his death. I have therefore issued orders to the Sub Division Officer to make enquiries on these points and submit his report very early.

10. Until such time as a successor is appointed to the Matt after consultation with the wishes of the matt deciples, the Agent Mr. Dorbala Jinadappa Shastry may be permitted to look after the current affairs of the Matt, subject to the supervision and control of the local officers of Government as proposed by the Sub Division Officer.

11. The file of vernacular papers ending with Hole Narsipur Sub-Division Officer's Yadi No.1020-25 dated 5th February 1926, together

th a copy of a communication received from the Mysore Jain ation Fund Association as regards the selection of a proper ----- Swamigalu is enclosed for favour of perusal and orders."

"C o p y"

for Muzrai Commissioner.

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se address all communications
to the Association.

# The Jaina Education Fund Association

REFERENCE.
15/26

MYSORE (South India).

February 3rd, 1926.

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Sir A.R. Banerji, Kt., M.A., C.S.I., C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Rec'd with Compts for favour of submission to Mt Member
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9.2.26

Sir,

Shravanabelgola Mutt.

As Chairman of the public meeting of the Jaina Community held in Mysore last Saturday the 30th, in connection with the most sorrowful death of His Holiness the Sri Swamiji of Shravanabelgola Mutt, I am asked to communicate the proceedings to Government. I beg to submit below an extract from the proceedings relative to the question of succession, and to confirm the telegram sent by us on Sunday morning as follows.

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Please put up, for 10/2 submission

EXTRACT. x x x x

Another important subject that came up for consideration was about the succession to the Vacant Guru-Pita. After discussing the great importance of the Shravanabelgola Pita, its duties and responsibilities and the high educational and othe qualifications required of the incumbent, it was unanimously resolved

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"That Government be requested to consult the opinion and wishes of the Jaina Community, through the Mysore Jaina Association, before taking final action on the question of succession, which is of supreme importance and responsibility involving vital interests, and thus help them to elect the best qualified to succeed to this great and most responsible Jaina Guru-Pita in India."

TELEGRAM.

"Jains assembled last night Mysore resolved follows. Question selecting candidate Shravanabelgola Mutt supreme importance. Vital interests and great responsibility involved. Pray Government public opinion of Jaina Community being consulted before final action taken. Request postponement consideration of subject and afford opportunity for expression of views. Correspondence Jaina Association Mysore."

I further beg to state that the above Association, which is the only really representative body for the entire Jaina Community of Mysore State, is requested to take all necessary steps in the matter, pursuant to the above resolution.

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

(Brahmappa Tavanappanavar)
(of Davanagere)

Chairman of the Meeting.

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Date of issue 27/2/26

Signed by

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No. 1077

To Asst 1

The Inspector Comm. in Mysore
Bangalore -

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter no. 1033/Mug. 215-25 of 13th instant forwarding to you for necessary action a copy of the telegram of 31.1.26 from the Chairman of meeting of the Jain Community held at Mysore on 30.1.26 in the matter of succession to the Sravanabel Jain matha, I am directed to forward herewith, a copy of ~~the~~ his ~~Chairman's~~ letter of 3 2 1926 communicating on behalf ~~of~~ from the ~~containing a copy of Resolution~~ of passed at the meeting on the 30th I have the

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